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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: JULY 5 POLAD MEETING

REFS: (A) NATO 6223 (DTG 291716Z JUN 77), (B) NATO 5949
(DTG 241512Z JUN 77)
SUMMARY: AT JULY 5 MEETING POLADS DISCUSSED:

(A) SETTING PRIORITIES AMONG POSSIBLE CBM PROPOSALS
(SEVERAL ALLIES EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN HEARING US
VIEWS ON ACCEPTABLE PARAMETERS FOR A MOVEMENTS CBM.)

(B) SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CBMS

(C) ALLIED OBSERVERS AT SOVIET MANEUVERS
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END SUMMARY

1. (A) SETTING PRIORITIES AMONG POSSIBLE CBM PROPOSALS:
POLADS HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION ON SETTING OF PRIORITIES FOR
POSSIBLE WESTERN CBM INITIATIVES AT BELGRADE DURING WHICH
TURKISH, FRG, ITALIAN AND UK REPS REITERATED PREVIOUSLY

REPORTED VIEWS FAVORING SETTING OF PRIORITIES. US REP STRESSED IMPORTANCE WHICH WASHINGTON ATTACHES TO THIS ENDEAVOR. THE ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN ALLIED POSITIONS WAS TURKISH VIEW THAT 30 DAYS WOULD BE THE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE PERIOD FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS. TURKISH REP ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN NORWEGIAN SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES NOTIFY AMPHIBIOUS MANEUVERS, BUT SUCH NOTIFICATIONS, TURKISH REP ADDED, SHOULD NOT GO BELOW THE LEVEL OF 8,000 TROOPS.

2. NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SETTING OF PRIORITIES IS PREMATURE AND THAT ALLIES SHOULD KEEP THEIR OPTIONS AS WIDE OPEN AS POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE. DUTCH REP, IN AGREEING WITH THIS VIEW, NOTED THAT AN ALLIED EFFORT TO SET PRIORITIES REQUIRES KNOWLEDGE OF US VIEWS ON THE PARAMETERS FOR A POSSIBLE MOVEMENTS CBM. ITALIAN, CANADIAN AND UK REPS AGREED WITH DUTCH REMARKS ON IMPORTANCE OF US VIEWS REGARDING MOVEMENTS PARAMETERS AND HOPED THAT US WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE ALLIES.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, UK REP SAID THAT THE DEFINITION OF MOVEMENTS WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN CBM CONTEXT. HE NOTED THAT, UNDER THE UK DEFINITION, ONLY TROOP ROTATIONS INVOLVING THE REPLACEMENT OF "FORMED UNITS" WOULD QUALIFY AS MOVEMENTS. THE SOVIET TROOP ROTATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE, HOWEVER, DO
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NOT INVOLVE THE REPLACEMENT OF "FORMED UNITS" AND THUS WOULD NOT BE NOTIFIABLE UNDER A MOVEMENTS CBM. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UK REP COMMENTED, REFORGER WOULD BE NOTIFIABLE AS A MOVEMENT. OTHER REPS NOTED THAT THIS ISSUE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEFINITION OF MOVEMENTS AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

4. COMMENT: IT IS EVIDENT THAT ALLIES HOPE THE US CAN BRIEF THEM ON OUR THINKING REGARDING MOVEMENTS PARAMETERS AT AN EARLY DATE. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DESIRE TO ESTABLISH CBM PRIORITIES CONTINUES TO BE HAMPERED BY LACK OF US POSITION ON MOVEMENTS PARAMETERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, CURRENT VISIT HERE BY US INTERAGENCY CBMS WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN HAS PRODUCED USEFUL ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS INTO ALLIED ATTITUDES ON MOVEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL TO WORKING GROUP'S CONSIDERATION OF MOVEMENTS PARAMETERS AFTER CHAIRMAN'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON EVENING JULY 11.
END COMMENT

5. (B) SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CBMS: POLADS ALSO HELD BRIEF DISCUSSION ON SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CBMS (REF B) DURING WHICH IMS REP NOTED THAT THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON

PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF SMALLER SCALE MANEUVERS WOULD NOT BE
OBJECTIONABLE ON MILITARY GROUNDS, BUT LACKED CLARITY.
CANADIAN, TURKISH AND UK REPS ECHOED IMS VIEW. ON THE OTHER
HAND, FRG REP FOUND THE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION A USEFUL ONE
WHICH BONN COULD ACCEPT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS
AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER TO ADD IN PARENTHESES EXAMPLES OF
THE TYPES OF TECHNICAL AIDS WHICH OBSERVERS SHOULD BE ABLE
TO USE, SUCH AS BINOCULARS AND CAMERAS. IMS REP COMMENTED
THAT WITH REGARD TO TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS, HE HAD RESERVA-
TIONS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING "PERSONAL CONTACTS

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WITH OFFICERS AND TROOPS AND ABOUT PROVISION OF "CONTINUOUS
INFORMATION" TO OBSERVERS.

6. (C) ALLIED OBSERVERS AT SOVIET MANEUVERS: FRENCH REP
REPORTED THAT FRENCH OBSERVERS AT SOVIET MANEUVER CARPA-
THIANS WOULD BE THE DEFENSE ATTACHE IN MOSCOW AND AN
OFFICIAL FROM THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. ITALIAN AND FRG REPS
SAID THEIR OBSERVERS WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THEIR DEFENSE
ATTACHE STAFFS IN MOSCOW. BENNETT

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